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Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

Elements for a programme of work of the Preparatory Committee

Note by the Secretariat

1. The present information note containing elements for a draft programme of work of the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development is intended to assist the Preparatory Committee in the consideration of issues under paragraph 11 (g) of General Assembly resolution 54/196 of 22 December 1999.

2. Conference facilities at United Nations Headquarters in New York in the period 2000-2001 are in very high demand. Besides the regular schedule of intergovernmental meetings, there are preparations in progress for six other global gatherings that require preparatory sessions. Consequently, the Preparatory Committee may decide to indicate its preferences for future sessions at an early date to the General Assembly. It has been suggested that the first session of the Preparatory Committee in May 2000 might have a first discussion of all the items in the agreed agenda. The Preparatory Committee may wish to consider:

(a) A second session of the Preparatory Committee of two weeks' duration in the first quarter of 2001 at United Nations Headquarters in order to consider the first draft of its report to the final event (tentative dates: 12-23 February 2001);

(b) A third session of the Preparatory Committee meeting of two weeks' duration in the second quarter of 2001 at United Nations Headquarters in order to finalize the report of the preparatory process for the final event (tentative dates: 2-13 April 2001).

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3. Any arrangements to be made for the final event itself will depend on the decisions to be taken by the Preparatory Committee with regard to paragraph 11 (a), (b) and (c) of General Assembly resolution 54/196.